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REMARKS

The present application is directed to methods, devices, and kits for the detection, isolation or purification of a bacteria in a sample. In particular, the application relates to the detection, isolation or purification of a bacteria using a device or kit having a separable detection zone.

Claims 1, 3-7, 9-11, 13, 15-16 and 21-26 are currently amended. Claims 8, 12, 17-19 and 27-28 are cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1-7, 9-11, 13-16, 20-26 and 29-30 are pending. Favorable consideration of the currently pending claims is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks. No new matter is added and support for the amendments may be found throughout the specification and original claims.

Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to the Claims clarify that the analyte comprises a bacteria. As amended herein, the Claims recite the term "bacteria" as suggested by the Examiner during the teleconference of March 12, 2007.

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CONCLUSION

Based upon the amendments and remarks provided above, applicant believes that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully solicited.

No additional fees are believed due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 11-0855.

If the Examiner believes any informalities remain in the application that may be corrected by Examiner's Amendment, or there are any other issues that can be resolved by telephone interview, a telephone call to the undersigned agent at (404) 815-6473 is respectfully solicited.

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